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In re U.S. Patent 5,918,323 Issued on the 6th day of July 1999:
ANTHONY SMITH, as sole inventor upon Application S.N. 08/506,851:
Filed the 25th day of July 1995 for HOSPITAL LIQUID SANITATION CART:

**PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DELAYED MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT
ON THE GROUND THAT SUCH DELAY IN PAYMENT WAS UNINTENTIONAL**

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This petition is presented under Rule 378(b) [37 CFR 1.378(b)] by the inventor as petitioner, still a Small Entity, acting via his undersigned attorney, who has represented the inventor throughout.

Expiration of this patent for lack of timely payment of the Maintenance Fee (as due on 6 July 2003) was unintentional upon the part of the inventor-patentee, who resides in Louisville, Kentucky, and of his undersigned attorney, who resides in Lexington, Virginia.

Both the inventor and the attorney were cognizant of the need to pay the Maintenance Fee, having discussed the impending due date several weeks theretofore, specifically the amount thereof; and each of them understood that the fee would be paid in timely manner. However, the inventor did NOT suggest that the attorney advance the amount of the fee (such as subject to reimbursement at a later date).

About a week before the Maintenance Fee due date, the attorney noted the forthcoming reminder on his status docket and checked, via the Internet, the pertinent PTO record to ascertain the fee status. [Unfortunately, he did not see any need to print the page contents.]

As an included message indicated that there were no fees to be paid, he concluded that the inventor had paid the fee directly and timely in proper amount, and thought no more about it until a recent phone conversation with the client, when he mentioned it in passing, and then learned that the client had NOT paid the maintenance fee.

While the client was still on the phone, the attorney checked the then current PTO record and was greeted with the same or similar message--and now understandable in view of the expiration meanwhile. A photocopy copy of the latter sheet is enclosed with this petition, as is a copy of this petition itself for the purpose of fee payment.

Petitioner solicits favorable action upon this petition as soon as possible, plus confirmation that relief has indeed been granted.

The attorney's check for both the Maintenance Fee and the Revival Petition Fee is enclosed: \$2150. Please charge any short (or remit any overage) to the attorney's Deposit Account 13-0200

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Respectfully submitted,

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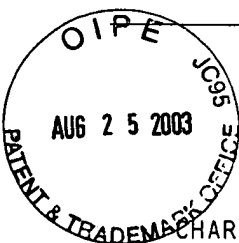
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According to the records of the Patent and Trademark Office, payment of the maintenance fee for the patents listed below has not been timely received prior to the end of the six-month grace period in accordance with 37 CFR 1.362(e). THE PATENT(S) LISTED BELOW HAS THEREFORE EXPIRED AS OF THE END OF THE GRACE PERIOD. 35 U.S.C. 41(b).

Expired patents may be reinstated in accordance with 37 CFR 1.378 if upon petition, the maintenance fee and the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(m) are paid, AND THE DELAY IN PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE IS SHOWN TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR TO HAVE BEEN UNAVOIDABLE. 35 U.S.C. 41(c)(1).

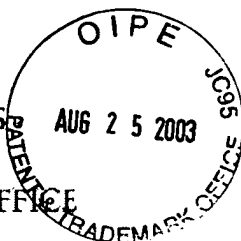
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NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

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